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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 12, and 20 as follows:

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1. (AMENDED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:  
an inflator mounted to vehicle structure;  
an air bag operatively connected to said inflator and mounted solely to a pillar of  
the vehicle; and  
a trim molding covering said air bag and mounted to the pillar, wherein said air  
bag is inflated by said inflator is extended downward and sideways in front of an occupant seated  
in the vehicle.

~~12. (AMENDED) A frontal air bag system for a vehicle comprising:~~

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